A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

Tuesday September 11. 1711.

WHatever are the Mocks of the Critical, and the Contempt of the Age, against being forewarn'd of Things—— Whatever other parts may be odd and ineffectual; whatever Way the Author found it convenient to put such a Thing into the World; yet I must once more put you in Mind of my Northern Prophet —— Of which I said so much before, and with so little Reason receiv'd abundance of Flouts, as if I had forg'd it, and turn'd Prophet myself.

For my part, had I been able to have foretold you so positively, what has since come to pass so distinctly, I profess I cannot tell now far Native Pride, *for we have all a degree of it in us*, might have carry'd me—— But since I disown the Thing, I can with the more Freedom speak of it, and laugh at all your Reproaches.

I oblige no Man to lay any Weight upon it; I do not tell you whether I lay any Weight upon it my self, or how much; nor will I trust this Censorious Age, with telling them my own Opinion of it—— I am no more for Embracing Rational Guesses for Prophetick Inspirations, than any Body is——But as I said before, I will not deny, far-less will I contemn, all that we call Notices, Impulses, Impressions, &c. relating

ting to Things to come, and by which, the Converſe between the Spirits Embodied, and thoſe Unembodied, IS, or at leaſt for ought I know, MAY be carried on; and for this Reaſon, I cannot but hint, without at all letting you know how far I do, or do not take Notice of it, at what farther odd Concurrence of Things has already hapned, which that Northern Prophecy, however couch'd under ridiculous and odd Expreſſions, expreſly mention'd.

You had formerly been told, how the Death of the *Dauphin* of *France*, and of the Emperor of *Germany*, were preciſely mention'd —— long before they hapned; I ſhall now only quote you one or two more, as evident, and every Way as ſtrangely Predicted Events, which were mention'd in that remarkable Book, and which are ſince come to paſs; as to what was ſaid, which did not come to paſs, it matters not with me at all —— Mark the Words, and be unmov'd with it if you can

About Auguſt, *The* Turks *and* Muſcovites *fight a terrible Battle, Victory mocks both Sides, and both Sides mock the World with their Pretences to it.* Proph. VIII. *pag.* 17.

No body will now queſtion, whether this was publiſh'd before the Action or no —— Thouſands in *London* have now the Book in their Pockets, and have had it ſeveral Months; pray look in it, Gentlemen, that you may be ſure —— About *Auguſt* ſays the Book, the Battle was the 22d *July*; and whether both Sides have mock'd the World with the pretenſions to Victory, let any Man judge.

Before this, you have the March of the King of *Sweden*'s General, the Palatine of *Kiow*, into *Poland*, and to the Frontiers of *Muſcovy*, expreſly foretold, thus.

The King of Sweden *now appears in his own Colours, his Troops ſhall, in the Month of* May, *be in full March to enter* Poland, *if not* Germany, *but his Army conſiſting of many Nations, new rais'd and undiſciplin'd, waſts away without much Fighting* —— Proph. 5. *pag.* 12.

In the ſame part thus.

The Turks *and* Muſcovites, 150000 *Men of a Side, draw towards one another, but the deciſive Stroke is not yet.* Ibid. *pag.* 13.

In the Month of *May*, the Palatine of *Kiow* with the King of *Sweden*'s Troops, join'd by a great Body of *Poles*, *Tartars*, and *Walachians*, made an Incurſion into *Poland*, and March'd up to the Banks of the *Boriſthenes*, but without much fighting they waſted away, and made nothing of it; *either this was true or it was not*; the latter end of that Month, and the next, the *Turkiſh* Army on the one Hand, and the *Muſcovite* Army on the other Hand, advanc'd by long Marches, to meet on the Frontiers.

In *Prophecy* IV. —— Is the Mareſchal *de Bouffleurs* Death foretold in ſo many Words, thus.

Bouffleurs lies now in the Bed of Honour.

Note, the Mareſchal *de Bouffleurs* died at *Fountain Bleau*, *Auguſt* 22.

Again.

The Danes *bring back Poverty and the Plague from* Schonen, *which viſits their Capital City*, Copenhagen, *and makes ſad havock in their Court.*

Pray will you enquire if this is true; the Plague came over from *Schonen* to *Elſeneur*, and from thence to *Copenhagen*, which is the Capital City and Court of the King of *Denemark*, and where it Rages at this very Hour, in ſo dreadful a manner, that by the Prints of the laſt Poſt, they tell us 3500 People die there in a Week.

Prophecy VI. *pag.* 15.

Yet for the Encouragement and Support of the Poor, Heaven promiſes Plenty in the Fields, and there ſhall be no want of Bread, Food ſhall encreaſe, tho' not the Mouths that feed on it, and what the Sword or other Plagues ſhall devour, ſhall leave

leave Room for those that remain, to live with more abundance.

Let us look back on the rich Harvest and fine Weather we have had, and we shall find cause to acknowledge this part to be fulfill'd also.

Really, Gentlemen, you that defie all Things of this Nature, I am loth to give any more Instances out of this Book, tho' there are more too, left you should be too much startled, and run into the other Extreme, I mean of laying too much stress upon it; yet I have quoted these, because, I confess, they startle me myself; I impose upon no Men's Judgment, as to the Truth of my Quotations, I referr to the Thing itself, still to be seen at the Publishers of this Paper, who I doubt not will satisfy any body of the Fact, whether they buy the Book or no.

I have taken no notice of what he says farther about the Plague, which God knows draws near us a pace, and gives us a terrible Warning of its approach, in that the nearer it comes this Way, the more Furious it grows; the Dreadful spreading of it in *Denemark*, *Sweden*, and *Holstein*, was expressly foretold in this despis'd Book, and I have more to say on that Head ——— But because you should not be too much of the Opinion that you have no Reason to be Allarm'd, I shall first let you see how your Neighbours are Allarm'd, and I shall afterwards say more to it.

The following is a Placaert Publish'd by the States of *Holland* upon this sad Occasion, the severity of which is such, as sufficiently demonstrates the great Apprehensions the *Dutch* are in of this fearful Visitation.

" THE States General of the United " *Netherlands*, to all such, as shall " see or read this Placaert greeting. Where- " as, we have been inform'd, that the " Contagious Distemper which rages in " other Countries, spreads more and more, " and approaches these Provinces, so that " the same has been already felt at *Alsena*, " *Gluckstat*, and other Towns; and that " the Infection is convey'd thither in " Goods bought in such Places as are affli- " cted with the Sickness. We therefore, " to do as much as in us lies, by the Mer- " cy of God, that the Territories of this " State and its Subjects may not be Infect- " ed by such Goods, have thought it ne- " cessary to enlarge our Placaert of the 24*th* " of *November*, 1710. so as to forbid the " Importation of the Goods herein specify'd " not only from the *Baltick*, but also from " *Hamburgh*, the *Elbe*, *Bremen*, the *Weser*, " *Embden*, and the *Eems*, or any other " Towns and Villages adjacent, *viz.* Wool, " Sheep-Skins, and others, Canvas, *Polish* " and other Linnen, Yarn of Wool, Flax, " Hemp, Feathers, Pens, Houshold-Stuff, " Beds, Cloaths, *&c.* upon the ensuing " Penalties, *viz.* That such Goods shall " be burnt in the Places where they shall " be discover'd or seized, and the Proprie- " tors, if apprehended, punish'd by Death; " as shall the Shippers or Waggoners of " Particular Vessels or Waggons, and the " Men belonging to Post-Waggons, if they " be Convicted of having had the least No- " tice of it, or having conceal'd it. 'Tis " prohibited, on the same Penalties, to im- " port any Cloaths of Woollen and Lin- " nen, besides what Passengers want for " their own Use, provided they bring due " Attestations, that they come from Places " that are not Infected; nor are they to " import any Houshold-Stuff, Beds, or " such like Things, tho' they come from " Places that never were Infected: And to " the End no Body may pretend Ignorance, " we require the States, their Deputies, " and other Civil Officers of these Pro- " vinces, to cause this Placaert to be pub- " lish'd and affix'd in the usual Manner. " We Command likewise the Admiralties, " the Fiscals, and all Admirals, Captains " and other Officers, to execute this our " Placaert,

" Placaert, and to proceed againſt the In-
" fringers of it, without any Favour or
" Connivence, ſince we have found this
" neceſſary for the Welfare of the Inhabi-
" tants of this Country. Done at the
" *Hague*, *Sept.* 4. 1711.

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William Tipping.

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